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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : E. Bayne Carew
Serial No. : 09/931,510 Group: 1723
Attr. No. : 64,131-003 Examiner: Savage, Matthew O.
Filed : August 16, 2001
Title : Filter Assembly, Filter Element, And Method Of Utilizing Same

ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 03/12/03, Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is attached to this petition. If any additional fees are necessary to respond to the outstanding Office Action, you are hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2789 in the name of Howard & Howard. A duplicate of this document is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

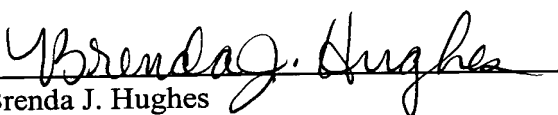
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this **One-Month Extension of Time** and fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the **Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450** on **July 11, 2003**.


Brenda J. Hughes

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